

**City of El Cajon  
Teen Coalition  
YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*The City of El Cajon Teen Coalition wants to recognize youth for making a difference in their community. If you see, hear, or know of a youth who goes the extra mile to improve the quality of life in our community, please take this opportunity to acknowledge and reward that effort. "The Success of Tomorrow . . . Depends on the Youth of Today!"*

**How Does This Work?**

The City of El Cajon Teen Coalition presents a "Youth of the Year" Award to recognize those youth who go above and beyond in serving their community either through their *leadership* abilities and/or their quality or level of *community service* in El Cajon. Leadership can be defined as those individuals who consistently facilitate a team vision and help guide others towards success. Community service is volunteer work that helps better the community through the value and impact of those served. Final awards will be based on dedication, commitment beyond what may be required by school, and demonstrated impact of those served.

**Who is Eligible?**

Two youth will be awarded each year: one youth currently at the middle school level (grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) and one youth currently at the high school level (grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>). Please Note: Recognized volunteer work by youth is based on their personal merits and contributions and is not intended to be limited to their school involvement.

- All nominations are reserved for youth who are City of El Cajon residents or who attend a school located within the City of El Cajon boundaries.
- Youth will be recognized and awarded for service accomplished within the calendar year previous to the nomination period. **Currently awarding for work accomplished in and between January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.**
- Current Teen Coalition members are not eligible for this award.

**Nomination and Selection Process**

Nominees must be nominated by an adult non-family member by completing the attached nomination form and returning it to the City of El Cajon Parks & Recreation Department. **Nomination forms will be accepted from March 1 through April 1, 2022 only. You may download the form at the City of El Cajon Website under Recreation "What's New" tab and email to Fa'amalo "Malo" Lutu at [flutu@cityofelcajon.us](mailto:flutu@cityofelcajon.us)**

The City of El Cajon Teen Coalition will review applications and select finalists in each grade level category. Nominators of finalists will also be invited to attend the April Teen Coalition meeting to further discuss the accomplishments of youth they nominated with the Teen Coalition. The Teen Coalition will make their final selection and notify the awarded youth recipients and their nominators of further details outlining the City Council meeting presentation.

**Award Presentation**

Youth selected for this award will be presented with a City of El Cajon Teen Coalition "Youth of the Year" Award plaque and proclamation during a City of El Cajon City Council Meeting. A perpetual plaque will also be displayed in the "Wall of Fame" case at City Hall. Press releases will go out showcasing award recipients.

**For More Information**

Contact the City of El Cajon Parks & Recreation Department, Attn: Fa'amalo "Malo" Lutu, Teen Coalition,  
200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, CA 92020, (619) 441-1555 or [flutu@elcajon.gov](mailto:flutu@elcajon.gov)

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